

History Graduate Programme Newsletter

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Are You Ready to Move On?

Students planning to graduate in the spring have to submit applications for this honour prior to 15 January 1989. The required forms are available at the registrar's office on each campus.

Life after Graduate School

After graduation you might be seeking employment to liquidate those annoying debts and to allow the consumption of three normal meals per day. If so, a notice recently received from the National Archives of Canada might be of interest. It seems that there are currently eight entry-level positions available in the archives. Candidates must have, among other attributes, a completed (their emphasis, not mine) MA in post-confederation Canadian history. To be considered, one has to be registered on something called the Historical Research Group inventory of the Public Service Commission. To be placed on this list, it is necessary to deal with the Montreal office of the commission. There are further details, but this all gets rather complicated. A copy of the original memo will be left with Linda McDonald for those wishing more information.

A Trip to Quebec City?

The Canadian Historical Association is holding its annual convention at Laval next June, and David Garon, one of our MA students, is on the organizing committee. If you might be interested in attending the conference, further details can be secured from David at 483-2827.

Who is Running the Graduate Programme This Week?

After a term's leave of absence from the leadership of the programme, Bob Tittler will return to the helm with the new year, replacing Stephen Scheinberg. Depending upon exactly when problems emerge over the next few weeks, now you know who should be bothered.

Output

While I have not been swamped by items to put in this newsletter (hint!!!), I have received several announcements of scholarly production. Two of our MA students have completed their work. On 4 November Dolores Chew successfully defended her MA thesis, "Out of the Antahpur? Gender, Subordination and Social Reform in Nineteenth Century Bengal" (John Hill, supervisor). Janis Housez has completed her MA essay entitled, "The Property Market in Bury St. Edmunds, 1540-1600" (Bob Tittler, supervisor).

As for the faculty production, two excerpts from Bill Hubbard's book Familiengeschichte have been reproduced in the recent anthology on the history of women, Frauen. Ein historisches Lesebuch. Bob Tittler has recently published "The Sequestration of Juries in Early Modern England" in the journal Historical Research.

I have also received notice of various research grants recently received by people associated with the department. Research grants are being included within the section on scholarly output since they are distributed by granting agencies (sometimes naively) on the assumption that output will follow. Shell Canada oral history grants have gone to Graeme Decarie for a project on the Japanese community of Montreal and to Jean Morrison one of our MA students, for a project on the Quebec journalist Omer Héroux. SSHRC grants have been extended to our two Canada research fellows. Carolyn Fick has received one for her work on the history of the Island of St. Barthelemy and Peter Keating has been the recipient of funds to assist his work on the history of the development of immunology.